

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as indicated in the separate sheets attached below and entitled “Specification Amendments Filed 07/31/06 with National Stage Application of PCT/US2005/002908”.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as indicated in the separate sheets attached below and entitled “Claim Amendments Filed 07/31/06 with National Stage Application of PCT/US2005/002908”.

REMARKS

Specification Amendments

The specification is amended to include a claim of priority to prior filed applications. The first paragraph under the heading “Summary of the Invention” is amended to conform the paragraph in certain respects to amended claim 1. No new matter is added. See, for example, the paragraph starting at line 13 on page 4 of the published PCT application from which the national stage is being entered. The paragraph beginning at line 33 on page 20 and ending at line 3 on page 21 and the paragraph beginning at line 24 on page 24 and ending at line 7 on page 25 are amended to clarify the language of the paragraphs and/or correct typographical errors. No matter is added, as is evident from a review of the proposed amendments.

Claim Amendments

Minor amendments are made to Claims 1-3, 5, 10-11, 13, 16 and 19 to improve the readability thereof prior to examination. No new matter is added, as is evident from review of the proposed amendments. Regarding claim 1, see the paragraph starting at line 13 on page 4 of the published PCT application. New claims 20-30 are added. No new matter is added; support is found throughout the specification. For example,

regarding claims 20-22 and 27-29, see, for example, FIGURE 3 and the description thereof at pages 19-21, and in particular page 21. Regarding claims 23 and 30, see, for example, the last full paragraph on page 4. Regarding claim 24, see, for example, the description of FIGURES 4-6 at pages 21-26. Regarding claim 25, see, for example, page 44. Regarding claim 26, see, for example, page 42.

Amendments are not made responsive to any communication from the USPTO or any other patent office., as Applicants have not yet received a copy of the PCT Search Report, and are informed by the USPTO that the Search Report is in fact not yet mailed to the Applicants by the USPTO, which was selected as the ISA, due to a personnel shortage.

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